

The First Noel

Traditional

French, 18th Century

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1. The first — no - el the an-gels did say Was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw — a star Shin-ing in — the
3. And by — the light of that — same star, Three — Wise - men
4. This star — drew nigh to the — north-west, O'er — Beth - le-
5. Then en - ter'd in those Wise - men three. Full — rev - 'rent-

shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
east, — be - yond — them far; And to the earth it
came — from coun - try far, To seek for a King
hem — it took — its rest, And there it did both
ly — up - on — their knee, And of - fer'd there, in

keep-ing their sheep On a cold win-ter's night — that was — so deep.
gave — great light, And — so it con - tin - ued both day — and night.
was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star — wher - ev - er it went.
stop — and stay, Right — o - ver the place — where Je - sus lay.
His — pres - ence, Their — gold — and myrrh — and frank - in - cense.

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No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, — Born is the King of Is - ra - el.